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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with a Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith and in response to an Advisory Office Action dated July 26, 2004, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please reopen prosecution of the above-identified patent application and consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.